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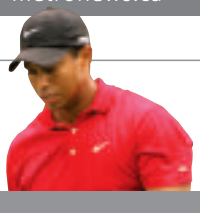

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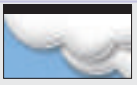

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Trolleys scrapped

Hybrid diesel buses to replace electric buses in two years

By **JEFF CUMMINGS** and **VICTORIA HANDYSIDES**
Metro Edmonton

Transit users won't be hopping on any of Edmonton's trolley buses two years from now, after a split decision last night at city hall to scrap the system by 2010.

All of the city's nearly 50 trolleys and overhead lines will be scrapped and replaced by hybrid diesel buses that city bureaucrats say will be more efficient, less expensive and better for the environment than the electric buses.

"If you invest in trolleys, you will cut into my ability to get the LRT operations up and running," said city transit boss Bob Boutilier.

The decision will save the city $100 million in trolley maintenance costs over the next 18 years, city officials say.

"Some point in time our citizens are going to say, 'Wait a minute here, what are we getting for that money?'" said Mayor Stephen Mandel during a debate at city hall.

Seven councillors, including Mandel, voted in favour of scrapping the trolleys, while six were opposed.

Trolley fan Coun. Ron Hayter says his office has been flooded with phone calls from angry transit users who want to keep the trolleys.

> « *Some point in time our citizens are going to say, 'Wait a minute here, what are we getting for that money?'* »
> *Mayor Stephen Mandel*

"I don't want to close the door on that option, once we close the door we are stuck," said Hayter.

A study by an independent market research firm concluded that 62 per cent of riders think trading in trolleys for hybrid buses is the way to go, while 66 per cent of transit employees would rather replace them with diesel-burning vehicles.

Hayter questioned the study since his phones have been off the hook with angry voters.

"The phone calls and the e-mails are not reflective to what the consultants are saying."

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Ride of his life

Roger Jean, a salesman at Crosstown Motors, stands with the Dodge Ram truck that was used by a customer take a test drive and rob a bank. Jean kept his cool, grabbing the keys when the customer made a second stop. Fingerprinting powder marks are seen on the door. Story, page 3.

Parking meter rates going up

Drivers will need to arm themselves with more loose change, because come July 2, it will be a bit more expensive to park in the heart of Edmonton.

City council decided yesterday to hike parking meter rates roughly 50 cents per hour in high-demand areas like Old Strathcona and downtown to $2 per hour. In medium demand areas, rates rise to $1.50 per hour.

The hike is in an effort to free up more meters, in hopes that drivers won't linger longer than necessary at the city's 3,200 meters.

Some private parking lots charge up to $24 per day, council heard.

VICTORIA HANDYSIDES/METRO EDMONTON

NHL approves sale of Oilers

The Edmonton Oilers are one step away from having a new owner after the sale of the team to billionaire Darryl Katz was approved by the NHL's Board of Governors yesterday.

"I am very pleased to have received the board of governor's unanimous approval," said Katz in a statement.

"We look forward to closing the transaction on or before June 30 and gearing up for the coming season."

JEFF CUMMINGS/METRO EDMONTON

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Cirque du Soleil tumbles into town

Long-running Saltimbanco set to thrill audiences

By VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
Metro Edmonton

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Michelle Vera, 20, of Miami, stands next to a road case filled with hats for performers' costumes backstage at Rexall Place. Vera has been performing with Cirque du Soleil for one year.

Get ready for a night at the big top, because the circus is in town, although oddly absent are the usual fare of lions, tigers and bears.

Cirque du Soleil rolled into Edmonton last night, with the first of nine epic human acrobatic and comedy performances of its longest running show Saltimbanco, which has entertained over 10 million spectators in the past 14 years.

"It's two-and-a-half hours where people can go back to their childhood," said senior artistic director, Richard Dagenais. "It's a moment to be really awed by human performance — the colours and the music are unbelievably beautiful."

The show is a journey into the heart of the urban experience, hustle and bustle of the city and the people that live there, Dagenais said.

Saltimbanco's 49 performers have been touring North America since last year in a convoy of buses and twelve 53 foot-long trailers transporting 540,000 pounds of equipment.

Rookie Cirque du Soleil performer Michelle Vera said that though living out of road cases in a new city every night is tough, performing with the world-renowned Montreal-based production company is a dream come true.

"It was hard at the beginning because I wasn't used to it, but I learned and adapted to it," she said. "It's a great feeling though. After the show, I see people just amazed by our performance — I want to stick around as long as I can."

The show runs two times a day at Rexall Place until Sunday night. Tickets are available at *www.cirquedusoliel.com* or *www.ticketmaster.com*, and range from $32 to $90.

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Test run turns into robbery

Salesman in car as 'client' makes illegal withdrawal

By VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
Metro Edmonton

When car salesman Roger Jean took a customer on a test drive Tuesday morning, he never anticipated it would be the ride of his life, or that he'd become part of a crime that could have been pulled from a movie script.

Perrot

At around 10:30 a.m., Jean hopped in a used 2005 Dodge Ram with a man who was interested in buying it from Crosstown Motors, 10405 120 St.

"He was supposedly taking the truck to the Northwest Territories," said Jean, who was suspicious right away. "We decided to go on a little drive."

Though he was driving erratically, the man casually asked questions about the $25,000 truck and said he was interested in taking it to Sherwood Park to show his wife.

Jean said that the man stopped at a TD Bank at 112 Street and Groat Rd.

When he got back, Jean said the man was holding his side and breathing heavily.

"I said to myself, 'Oh my god, this guy just robbed the bank.'"

Jean played it cool, and acted as if he knew nothing about the robbery. "I didn't know who I was dealing with. There are a lot of cuckoos out there, especially in Edmonton."

The man raced east down Yellowhead Trail to Sherwood Park, where he stopped at a gas station. Acting quickly, Jean snatched the keys from the ignition, fled, and called police.

Investigators believe the suspect is 40-year-old Marcel Perrot.

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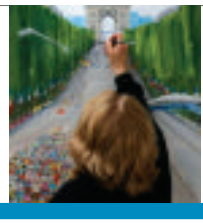

Last chance to see Edmonton born artist Toti's look at the 2005 Tour de France: Her works are on display at the Art Gallery of Alberta and gallery entrance is free this evening. Edmonton is the only place in North America to showcase the works. See them while you can; they depart for France tomorrow. METRO EDMONTON

Study gets off with a bang

Researchers find louder gunshot equals quicker start

By **ERIC BOWLING**
for Metro Edmonton

Sprinter Tyler Christopher faces a long road to gold in Beijing, but a study at the University of Alberta suggests how close he is to the starting gun may make or break the race.

Christopher is working with scientists to measure out just how much of a difference the starting lane actually makes in a race.

The idea is that athletes closer to the starting gun hear it sooner, giving them an edge of up to 1/100 of a second.

"You can win by 1/100 of a second or a 1/1000 of a second so (reaction time) can be the difference, especially in the 100 metres," said Christopher.

Undergraduate Alex Brown noticed in the 2004 Olympics in Athens that sprinters who were closer to the gunshot were consistently doing better in the race.

To explore this pattern, researchers measured Christopher's reaction time to recordings of gunshots at different volumes — ranging from 80 to 120 dB.

The results were clear — the louder the sound, the faster Christopher took off.

While the results are intriguing, Christopher knows already he'll have to work with what he gets.

"You don't really get to choose what lane you start in."

seeking gold

» Tyler Christopher won gold in the 400-metre run at the IAAF World Indoor Championships in Valencia, Spain, in March.

He is believed to be Canada's best chance for a gold medal in Beijing.

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Sprinter Tyler Christopher, who trains at the University of Alberta and will represent Canada at the Beijing Olympics, practises his starts at the U of A's Foote Field yesterday. He was hooked up to a machine that measures the connection between start signal volume and reaction time.

Three strikes unlucky for would-be robber girls

By **VICTORIA HANDYSIDES**
Metro Edmonton

A number of teenage girls with criminal aspirations came up short Tuesday night, after three separate attempted robberies sent them fleeing without any loot.

At around 9:30 p.m. in northeast Edmonton, a 16-year-old girl was approached by two girls around the same age, who tried to rob her at knifepoint. The victim quickly called 9-1-1, which sent the would-be robbers fleeing on foot.

At around the same time, a trio of robbers described as Asian teenage girls, approached a woman leaving the Bay LRT station, and attempted to steal her purse, but came up short and fled empty-handed.

Bent on getting something for nothing, the downtown girls tried again an hour later, about five blocks away, targeting a woman in her 20s. The woman managed to escape with all her belongings.

"In a lot of cases the suspects want to get something of value that's visible," said police spokeswoman Karen Carlson warning people not to display items of obvious worth like IPods.

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injury

» No injuries were reported in any of the incidents.

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» **WIFI** Though it's invisible to the naked eye, the City of Edmonton is slowly connecting local hot spots with a giant network of connectivity, and access to wireless Internet. For the past year, a WiFi pilot project has hooked up access at public places, including Churchill Square, City Hall, Kinsmen Sport and Leisure Centre, and Commonwealth Stadium. The test period is over, and council is not only keeping citizens connected, but is testing out how well wireless access goes over at sites like Gazebo Park, on the LRT and at Hawrelak Park during summer festivals. METRO EDMONTON

Turn airport into housing, report urges

Study says city could make $95M in property taxes

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**
Metro Edmonton

Edmonton's City Centre Airport could soon be a no-fly zone as council will be decide its fate before next spring — a prospect than angers Coun. Tony Caterina and those who use the airport.

A city report released to the public yesterday says the airport should be turned into a residential community, equal in size to a small city.

"The city could realize up to $95 million in annual property taxes from completed airport land development," said the report.

"Additional revenue from land sales up to $500 million could be realized."

The report says the plan could mean impacting several other development decisions, including expansion plans at NAIT.

Caterina has been demanding an airport expansion ever since his election campaign.

"It could cost us $1 million to remediate the property," said Caterina who has already heard from a number of business owners.

Dale Monaghan, CEO of aboriginal reserve-owned airline Air Mikisew, which flies from the city centre to Fort McMurray and Fort Chipewyan, says the move will harm his business and will anger his customers.

"Passengers from the north want downtown air service," said Monaghan. "(City council) has built a transportation network that the rest of Alberta depends upon."

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Fed building getting facelift

Province to pour $365 million into massive project

By **ERIC BOWLING**
for Metro Edmonton

After 19 years of collecting toxic dust, the Federal Building, on 107 St., is finally going to get a facelift and put back into service.

The 50-year-old building, designed in the same style as the Empire State Building, has been in the province's care since 1983, and was unused since 1989 due to the high cost of toxic asbestos removal and the tight budgets of the 1990s.

The renovations of the building will cost $365 million spent on the building itself.

The transformed building is promised to have a greener approach boasting 30-percent more energy efficiency than it had before.

In addition, the outdoor parking lot will be replaced

ment is looking at placing a second park on the rooftop.

"The plaza and green roof will reduce, almost to zero, the (carbon) footprint of the building," said Jack Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure, who is heading the project.

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ABOVE: Alberta Minister of Infrastructure Jack Hayden speaks to media inside the lobby of the long vacant, art deco Federal building The province has committed $365 million to redevelop the site and it's grounds. LEFT: The Federal Building.

To replace the outdoor parking lot, $165 million of the fund will be put into building a 650-stall underground parkade.

The move is part of a "master plan" to restore the parliament grounds in time for their 100th birthday in 2011.

Tories order oil cleanup

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**
Metro Edmonton

The Alberta government has ordered a Calgary-based oil company to come clean on how it will clean up 32,000 litres of crude oil that leaked into the Red Deer River and Gleniffer Lake.

Pembina Pipeline Corp. was issued a provincial environmental protection order to come up with a comprehensive cleanup plan, including details on how it will contain the oil on water surfaces and along shorelines.

About 200 barrels leaked into the river Sunday that caused two tater treatment plants at Gleniffer Lake to temporarily close.

Pembina said in a release Tuesday that efforts are being made to clean up the spill and have provide drinking water to residents at the resort lake. The company says the leak is still being investigated. About 23 pipelines ruptured last year.

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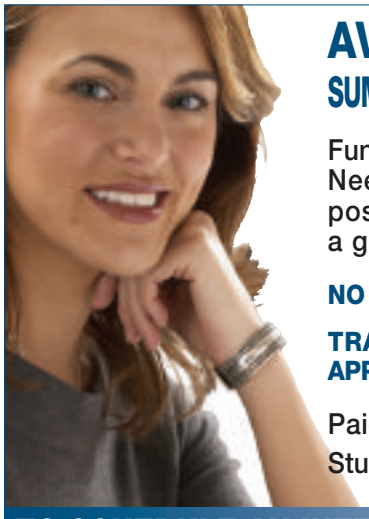

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RCMP to curb Taser use

Watchdog report urges greater accountability

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said yesterday it would curb the use of Taser stun guns after the federal force's watchdog issued a stinging report accusing officers of zapping suspects unnecessarily.

The watchdog recommended that Mounties use Tasers — made by U.S.-based Taser International Inc. — only when a suspect threatened the safety of officers or the public.

Kennedy

"We will act on the recommendations as quickly as possible to provide clearer direction to our members, to further restrict situations in which the CEW (conducted energy weapon) can be deployed, and to develop and implement measures to enhance accountability," the RCMP said in a statement.

"Our recommendations are designed to hold the RCMP publicly accountable for its use of a weapon that has caused considerable apprehension among Canadians, and to control usage creep," said Paul Kennedy, who chairs the commission on public complaints against the RCMP.

"This is a time for a more conservative use of this weapon," he said at a news conference.

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Parliament **Royal assent**

CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

Gov.-Gen. Michaëlle Jean smiles before the start of a royal assent ceremony in the Senate chamber on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday.

»news In Brief

» **CLIMATE** Environmental group Friends of the Earth asked a federal court yesterday to order the Tory government to replace its climate change plan with one designed to meet Kyoto Protocol targets.

» **HEALTH** Research out of McGill University suggests a new egg-freezing technique, called vitrification, is as safe as conventional in-vitro fertilization treatments and natural conception. The method may soon allow women to deep-freeze their eggs and store them indefinitely without worry.

» **POLITICS** Liberal senators said yesterday they will use their Senate majority to amend a bill, already passed by the House of Commons, which gives the government the power to decide which films and television shows get public money.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

6th foot found in B.C.

A sixth human foot has been found on B.C.'s South Coast, RCMP said yesterday.

The foot — the second to wash ashore in three days — was found yesterday morning by a woman walking at low tide on Vancouver Island's Tyee Spit.

The right foot was found in a black Adidas sneaker, roughly size 10.

"The object will ultimately be examined by a forensic pathologist in attempts to determine the source of the foot and if it is related to the other feet recently found," Const. Annie Linteau said in a release.

Since August, six human feet — all in sneakers — have been found on various Southwest B.C. beaches.

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Group calls for end to horse slaughter

CONSUMPTION An animal rights group, backed by Toronto lawyer Clayton Ruby, is calling for an all-out ban on the slaughter of horses for human consumption in Canada — a practice that has increased here since it was stopped in the United States.

Ruby called the slaughter of horses in Canada "shockingly inhumane" and said that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency does not properly police such slaughter.

This year alone, at seven federally-licensed facilities, an estimated 102,000 horses will be slaughtered in Canada for human consumption in Europe and Asia, the organization says. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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In Brief

» **BAN** Ontario MPPs approved a ban on over 300 cosmetic pesticides before the Legislature rose for a three-month recess yesterday. Golf courses and farms are exempt. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Parent's net smarts credited for arrest

Cops nab Airdrie man for alleged child luring on Web

By KRISTA SYLVESTER
Metro Calgary

Authorities are crediting diligent parents in regards to charges laid against a 51-year-old Airdrie man trying to lure a minor over the internet for sexual purposes.

The man was arrested Tuesday after the parents alerted police when they came across some unsettling information while monitoring their child's Internet usage.

"I was very impressed actually, this was very due diligence on the parents' behalf," RCMP Const. Francine Hiebert told Metro.

> « *I was very impressed actually, this was very due diligence on the parents' behalf.* »
> RCMP Const. Francine Hiebert

Calgary police Internet safety crime prevention Const. Kathy MacDonald has some advice for parents and children to prevent such things from happening in the city.

"It's always good for parents to know what their children are doing and who they are talking to, what kind of sites they are using and even the kinds of personal information they are putting out there," she said.

The suspect is expected in Airdrie Provincial Court Aug. 19.

4.1M Canadians without doctor: Study

The 2007 Canadian Community Health Survey, released yesterday by Statistics Canada, revealed that 4.1 million Canadians aged 12 or older are without a family doctor.

The report also said that recent immigrants, women, the poor and the young were all more likely than the bulk of Canadians not to have a regular doctor.

Only 65 per cent of immigrants who have been in Canada for five years or less have access to a family physician, compared to 85 per cent for the whole country, according to the study.

Income level, gender and age also play a role.

Of the 20 per cent of Canadians with the lowest incomes in the country, 82 per cent see a family physician.

Men were nearly twice as likely as women not to see a regular doctor.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ottawa **Fiery fringe**

ETIENNE RANGER/FOR METRO CALGARY

Ottawa Fringe Festival technical director Jon Lockhart — who is also a fire eater and a professional juggler for the company Nickel Kicker — helped warm up the festival's launch event with a little fire-breathing last night.

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The new game in Correns, a village in Provence suddenly hit by media frenzy since Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, left, moved into a nearby villa, is to make up stories about the couple for the paparazzi. REUTERS

Bush wants more offshore drilling

President urging U.S. congress to overturn ban

U.S. President George W. Bush yesterday urged Congress to end a ban on offshore oil drilling, responding to consumer anxiety over record-high gasoline prices with a plan sure to anger environmentalists.

"Every American who drives to work, purchases food or ships a product has felt the effect. And families across our country are looking to Washington for a response," Bush said.

As average U.S. pump prices pierced the $4-a-gallon level for the first time this month, up more than $1 from a year ago, energy policy has become a key issue in the presidential race ahead of November elections.

Bush said opening federal lands off the U.S. coast — where oil drilling has been banned by both a presidential executive order and a congressional moratorium — could yield about 18 billion barrels of oil.

The short-term impact on oil prices is open to debate. The prospect of more energy supply down the road could calm nervous traders who see a looming global oil crunch, but any actual supply would be years away even if Congress acted quickly. REUTERS

opposition

» Environmental groups have long opposed expanded offshore oil drilling, raising concerns about the dangers to fragile ecosystems as well as a potential for oil spills.

Kandahar battle grows

NATO, Afghan forces kill dozens of Taliban soldiers

Helicopter gunships and troops blasted a valley in southern Afghanistan yesterday in a huge offensive by NATO and local forces against Taliban insurgents, many of whom broke out of jail last week.

The defence ministry in Kabul said dozens of Taliban, including foreign militants, were killed in a NATO air strike and two Afghan army officers also died in the operation, in Arghandab district outside Kandahar city.

Meanwhile some 800 Afghan government troops, backed by hundreds of mainly Canadian NATO soldiers, are fighting 200 to 400 Taliban insurgents who seized seven villages in the Arghandab district, just northwest of Kandahar, the regional base for NATO troops. It is less than a week since the Taliban freed some 1,000 prisoners, including more than 300 of their comrades, from a jail in the city after a suicide truck bomber rammed the main gate.

"There are setbacks ... the prison breakout and the Arghandab operation, and there will be setbacks in the future," Canadian Major-General Marc Lessard, commander of NATO forces in southern Afghanistan, told Reuters in an interview.

Taliban spokesman Qari Mohammad Yousuf said militants had set their sights on Kandahar itself, the movement's birthplace, which lies about 20 kilometres from Arghandab. REUTERS

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An Afghan army soldier patrols as British soldiers stand at a checkpoint in the southern city of Kandahar yesterday.

Bono **African poverty**

BENOIT TESSIER/REUTERS

U2 lead singer Bono speaks during a news conference to present the 2008 DATA (Debt, AIDS, Trade, Africa) Report in Paris yesterday. The DATA Report 2008, released today by the organization ONE, shows the G8 failing in its Africa anti-poverty commitments.

»news In Brief

» **FLOODING** The swollen Mississippi River ran over the top of at least 12 more levees yesterday, as floodwaters swallowed up more U.S. farmland, adding to billion-dollar losses and feeding global food inflation fears.

» **ELECTION** Zimbabwean opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai yesterday predicted "a huge turnout" in a presidential election run-off, despite what critics say is a campaign of violence and intimidation by the government. Tsvangirai, who leads the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), spoke to CBC Radio.

» **NUCLEAR** North Korea will soon produce a long-overdue declaration of its nuclear programs, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said yesterday.

» **GUANTANAMO** The U.S. District Court's chief judge said he met yesterday with lawyers for Guantanamo Bay prisoners and the Justice Department to go over security and procedural issues in view of a landmark ruling last week that allowed suspects to challenge their detention. REUTERS

Three charged in death of Russian journalist

Russian prosecutors yesterday charged three men with a role in the killing of journalist Anna Politkovskaya who was critical of the Kremlin's rights record in Chechnya, but her newspaper's editor said he did not believe the crime was solved.

A gunman shot Politkovskaya in her central Moscow apartment block in October 2006, a murder which shocked the West, but barely resonated in Russia outside a small band of intelligentsia who read her reports in the newspaper.

"Three figures are accused in the murder of the journalist," the Russian Prosecutor-General's office said in a statement.

A staunch Kremlin critic, Politkovskaya was well known in the West for her campaigning human rights reporting in Chechnya. REUTERS

U.S. food safety officials yesterday said more than 350 people have fallen ill in a Salmonella outbreak linked to certain types of tomatoes. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 383 people in 30 states have been infected. REUTERS

Castro still a player in Cuba

81-year-old seen in video looking healthy, active

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Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro listens during a meeting with his brother, Cuban President Raul Castro, right, and Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, left, in Havana on Tuesday.

Former Cuban President Fidel Castro's appearance in a televised video Tuesday night put to rest the latest rumors of his imminent demise and suggested he still plays a significant role in Cuba's government.

Castro, 81, looked vigorous as he chatted with his close ally, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, and his brother, Cuban President Raul Castro, in a sun-dappled garden in the first public images of the ailing former leader since mid-January.

The man who took power in a 1959 revolution and led Cuba for 49 years has not been seen in public since undergoing intestinal surgery in July 2006, but has surfaced sporadically in videos and photographs shown in the island's state-run media.

Even though he writes occasional newspaper columns and the government has said he remains involved in policy-making, Fidel Castro's five-month absence from public view had fed speculation that his health problems, of which little has been disclosed, were worsening and the end was near.

Thus, most were surprised at a thin but animated Castro shown in the mostly soundless video gesturing, sitting, standing and talking with his two fellow socialists about topics said by state media to range from the global food crisis to the U.S. presidential election.

Alberto Mendice Sotolongo, a university worker buying the Communist Party newspaper Granma from a Havana vendor, said Castro's appearance invigorated his followers and sent a powerful message.

"His image has had a great impact. It's a great joy for we revolutionaries to show the entire world that we still have our commander-in-chief forever," he said.

REUTERS

Unemployed opt for surgical help

Cosmetic surgery still on the rise

> « *We're seeing a lot of people come in here saying, 'I'm back on the job market again, and I've got to look good.'* »
>
> *Dr. Darrell Rigel*

Cosmetic surgeons are finding the weakening economy isn't deterring customers seeking a quick fix, and has even led to a new type of client — people who have lost their jobs and want to look good for interviews.

A study by the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS) found that demand for simple cosmetic procedures such as Botox injections is on the rise, despite worries of a U.S. recession.

"People might not be as well off economically as they used to be, but some of them just aren't willing to put off their appearance," ASDS president Dr. Darrell Rigel told Reuters.

An online study of 562 ASDS members found that nearly 63 per cent of them are maintaining a consistent volume of cosmetic-related bookings among existing patients compared to six months ago.

Nearly 32 percent said the number of new patients making appointments had increased by up to 30 per cent.

But Rigel said not only are cosmetic enhancements on the rise, but they're gaining popularity among an unlikely sub-set of the population — the recently unemployed.

"We're seeing a lot of people come in here saying, 'I'm back on the job market again, and I've got to look good'," said Rigel.

"They view this as an investment in helping them get a new job."

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Vatican A Papal kiss

CHRIS HELGREN/REUTERS

Pope Benedict XVI reaches to kiss a baby at the end of his weekly general audience at Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican yesterday.

Israel wants peace with Lebanon

Disputed territory main impediment to successful talks

Israel is interested in opening peace talks with Lebanon, a spokesman for Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said yesterday, echoing remarks the Israeli leader made behind closed doors to his security cabinet.

Lebanon has poured cold water on Israeli hopes that it would follow Syria in opening peace talks, saying Israel had to withdraw from what Beirut considers its occupied land, a sliver of disputed territory known as Shebaa Farms.

"Israel is interested in peace talks with Lebanon," Olmert's spokesman, Mark Regev, said.

"We are currently conducting negotiations with both the Palestinians and the Syrians, and there is no reason whatsoever why Israel should not be negotiating with the Lebanese."

On Tuesday, an official quoted Olmert as telling the security cabinet: "Just as we started talks with Syria, I would hope it would be possible to start talks with Lebanon."

Seeking the return of the Golan Heights, territory Israel captured in the 1967 Middle East war, Syria has been conducting indirect negotiations with the Jewish state through Turkish mediators.

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Hezbollah

» Separately, Lebanon's Hezbollah group and Israel, which fought a war in 2006, are putting the final touches on an agreement to exchange prisoners, a Lebanese political source said.

senate

U.S. votes to boost sanctions on Iran

NUCLEAR A U.S. Senate panel yesterday approved legislation to strengthen U.S. sanctions on Iran in an effort to get that country to drop its nuclear program.

The Senate Finance Committee cleared the bill to expand trade and financial sanctions 19-2, and the House passed similar legislation last year. REUTERS

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» **SECURITY** Iraq said yesterday it was committed to meeting a deadline for a long-term security pact with the United States, as Washington confirmed it dropped a demand concerning the divisive issue of immunity for private contractors.

» **DRUGS** Colombian cocaine production edged down last year despite an increase in crops used to make the drug.

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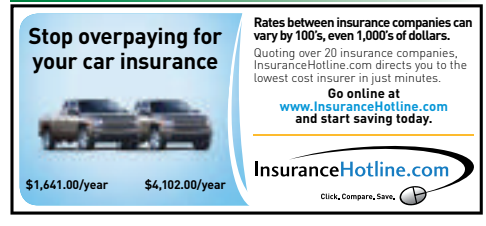

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Online ads exploding

Eyeballs migrate to Internet: Report

Internet advertising will continue to grow at a blistering pace in Canada, blossoming into a $3.4 billion US industry over the next five years as more consumers migrate to their computers and mobile devices to access multimedia content, says a new report.

PricewaterhouseCoopers' latest Global Entertainment Media Outlook suggests that online advertising is already enjoying unparalleled growth in this country, soaring 33.2 per cent to $1.3 billion last year.

By 2012, web-based advertising is expected to remain "Canada's fastest growing segment," boasting a 21.1 per cent compound annual growth rate to $3.4 billion.

"Keyword search, classified advertising, and online video advertising — full-motion video ads shown on the Internet — will be the fastest-growing components," said Jerry Brown, director of Pricewaterhouse Coopers' Canadian entertainment and media advisory practice.

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access

» The report also notes that Internet access growth lost some momentum last year, coming in at 7.7 per cent to $3.4 billion.

»news In Brief

» **FRAUD** Police in Montreal have arrested and charged six people with fraud-related counts for their roles in the 2005 collapse of the Norbourg investment company. REUTERS

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World Championship-medallist Allison Forsyth, who had been rehabbing a knee injury sustained during the 2006 Olympics, announced her retirement yesterday from Canada's alpine ski team. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Tiger caged till next year

Golf superstar to have season-ending surgery

Tiger Woods will have reconstructive surgery on his left knee that will sideline him for the rest of the 2008 season, the world No. 1 said yesterday.

The 32-year-old defied jabbing pain all week before clinching his 14th major title at the U.S. Open on Monday, winning a 19-hole playoff against compatriot Rocco Mediate.

It was his first tournament in two months since having surgery to clean out cartilage in the knee two days after he played the Masters in mid-April.

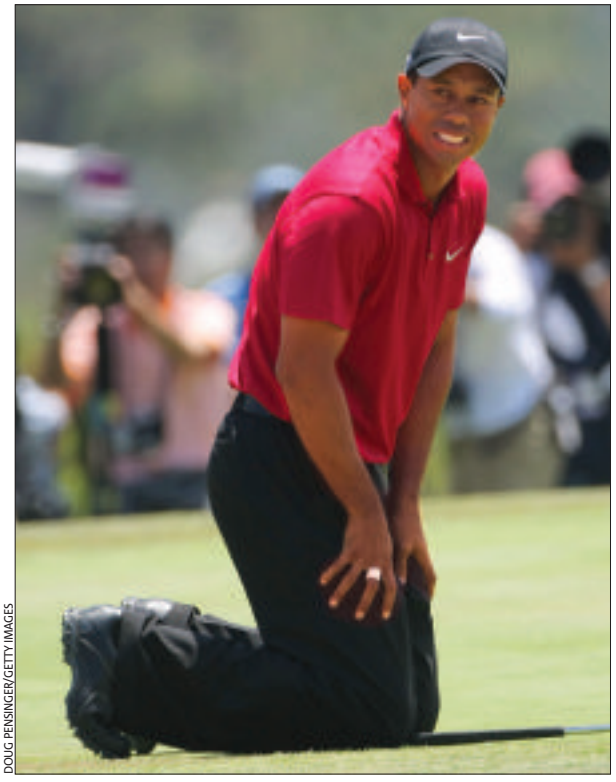
Woods outlined that he would have reconstructive surgery on his anterior cruciate ligament, which he tore 11 months ago after last year's British Open at Carnoustie.

He also said he would require time off to rehabilitate a double stress fracture of his left tibia that was found last month and attributed to his intense rehabilitation and preparation for the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines in San Diego.

"I know much was made of my knee throughout the last week, and it was important to me that I disclose my condition publicly at an appropriate time," Woods said in a statement on his official website.

"I wanted to be very respectful of the USGA (United States Golf Association) and their incredibly hard work, and make sure the focus was on the U.S. Open.

"Now, it is clear that the right thing to do is to listen to my doctors, follow through with this surgery and focus my attention on rehabilitating my knee."



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Tiger Woods, who showed the pain in his left knee during the recent U.S. Open championship at Torrey Pines in San Diego, will miss the rest of the season after undergoing surgery in the next few weeks.

Woods, who has already had three previous surgeries on his left knee, refused to disclose much detail of the pain he clearly suffered at Torrey Pines last week.

However, he rated his major triumph as the most meaningful of his career given the obstacles he faced, an opinion echoed by his swing coach Hank Haney.

"I certainly think it's the greatest win he's ever had," Haney told reporters on Monday. "He had only played 27 practice holes since the Masters and he never hit more than 50 balls a day on the range."

Moments after securing his 14th major title and his 65th career victory on the PGA Tour, Woods admitted he had defied doctor's orders to compete at Torrey Pines.

"As far as future ramifications, I'm not really good at listening to doctor's orders too well," he added. "Hey, I won this week, so it is what it is."

Yesterday he conceded he had to follow medical advice for the sake of his career, ending a remarkable 2008 campaign that featured five victories worldwide in just seven starts.

"While I am obviously disappointed to have to miss the remainder of the season, I have to do the right thing for my long-term health," said Woods, who initially had surgery on his left knee in 1994, to remove a benign tumor, followed by arthroscopic surgery in December 2002. REUTERS

NHL

Prospal's rights dealt back to Bolts

MOVES The Philadelphia Flyers dealt the rights to veteran centre Vaclav Prospal to the Tampa Bay Lightning yesterday.

The Flyers acquired Nashville's seventh-round pick in the upcoming draft along with a conditional pick in 2009.

The deal effectively reverses the one struck on Feb. 25, the day before the NHL trade deadline.

NBA

Raps, Garbajosa reach settlement

DEALS The Toronto Raptors and forward Jorge Garbajosa have agreed to an agreement to buy out the remaining year left on the 30-year-old's contract.

The 6-foot-9 power forward, who suffered a serious leg injury in March 2007, averaged eight points and 4.7 rebounds per game in 74 career games over two seasons for the Raptors.

NBA

22 arrested after Celtics' title win

LAW Boston police arrested 23 people early yesterday after celebrations of the Celtics' first NBA championship win in 22 years briefly turned violent with some fans smashing windows and assaulting police.

The Celtics won their 17th NBA championship by beating the Los Angeles Lakers 131-92 on Tuesday.

MLB

Yankees bring in veteran Ponson

MOVES The New York Yankees signed veteran righty Sidney Ponson to a minor league contract yesterday in an attempt to bulk up their starting rotation.

Ponson, 31, was 4-1 with a 3.88 earned run average in nine starts before being designated for assignment by the Texas Rangers on June 6.

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»sports In Brief

» **TENNIS** Former Wimbledon champion Amelie Mauresmo retired injured from her match at the Eastbourne grasscourt championships yesterday. The French player was leading 2-1 against Australia's Samantha Stosur in the second round of the traditional warm-up event when she suffered a left thigh strain.

» **NFL** Arizona Cardinals running back J.J. Arrington was arrested early yesterday morning after a fight broke out at a North Carolina nightclub. According to the Arizona Republic, Arrington was charged with disorderly conduct. The team is aware of the incident and seeking more information.

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LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

INTERLEAGUE

Atlanta 5 Texas 2
Boston 7 Philadelphia 4
Baltimore 2 Houston 1 (10 ings)
Chicago White Sox 8 Pittsburgh 2
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Kansas City 3 St. Louis 2
Milwaukee 5 Toronto 4
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San Diego at N.Y. Yankees
Cleveland at Colorado
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Florida at Seattle

NATIONAL LEAGUE

L.A. Dodgers 6 Cincinnati 1

TODAY'S GAMES

INTERLEAGUE

San Diego at N.Y. Yankees, 11:05
Washington at Minnesota, 11:10
Toronto at Milwaukee, 12:05
Atlanta at Texas, 12:05
Pittsburgh at Chicago W. Sox, 12:05
Kansas City at St. Louis, 12:15
Oakland at Arizona, 1:40
Houston at Baltimore, 5:05
Chicago Cubs at Tampa Bay, 5:10
Cleveland at Colorado, 7:05

NATIONAL LEAGUE

L.A. Dodgers at Cincinnati, 10:35

CFL

PRE-SEASON

TONIGHT'S GAMES

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TONIGHT'S GAME

EDMONTON at Reno, 7:05

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Spain 2 Greece 1
Russia 2 Sweden 0

QUARTER-FINALS

TODAY'S GAME

Portugal vs. Germany, 12:45

TOMORROW'S GAME

Croatia vs. Turkey, 12:45

SATURDAY'S GAME

Netherlands vs. Russia, 12:45

SUNDAY'S GAME

Spain vs. Italy, 12:45

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A not-so-Swede ending

Russia grabs last quarter-final spot

EURO 2008

Russia set up a Euro 2008 quarter-final with coach Guus Hiddink's native Netherlands after a deserved 2-0 win over Sweden in Group D yesterday completed the lineup for the last eight.

The Swedes only needed a draw to progress from the opening group stage which ended yesterday, but Roman Pavlyuchenko gave Russia a lead after a great passing play midway through the first half in Innsbruck before Andrei Arshavin, playing his first match of the tournament after a ban, finished off a similar flowing move later on.

Greece, who won Euro 2004 against all the odds and expectations, have returned to type as big-event whipping—the only finalists not to gain a single point after losing to Spain 2-1 yesterday.

Germany plays Portugal in the first quarter-final today without their coach Joachim Loew who has been suspended following his actions in the Austria game. Croatia faces Turkey tomorrow, Netherlands, Russia meet Saturday and Spain and Italy round out the quarter-finals on Sunday. REUTERS

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Sweden's Henrik Larsson attempts an bicycle kick while Russia's Sergei Semak, left, looks on during their Group D match yesterday. Russia downed the Swedes 2-0 to advance.

homefashion

When cleaning fabric lamp shades, Molly Maid cleaning service suggests vacuuming with an upholstery brush attachment, which is good at getting at dust in pleated shades. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Grass still perennial favourite

Grass is not the only choice for your lawn these days, but the design team still believes nothing beats the sensuous experience of thick, healthy lawn against newly bare feet. Ahhhh!

Grass remains a perennial favourite with many folks, and why not? When it's well maintained, it looks green and lush, it filters pollution, it buffers hot temperatures, it absorbs water and it prevents soil erosion.

But poorly maintained grass can be an eyesore, looking patchy, worn, or dried out to a crisp. It certainly does not have a thick, healthy look. In fact, poorly maintained grass adds an air of neglect, which is a design crime.

Luckily, you can have a healthy lawn without using pesticides. As is often the case, preparation is paramount. First of all, make sure you have a good spot for a lawn — it should be even ground with a gentle slope for drainage. There should be no low spots since these will become waterlogged puddles after it rains.

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Ideally, the soil should be deep (4 to 8 inches of topsoil), fertile, and loamy, meaning that it is a well-aerated mixture of sandy soil and organic matter. Soil with a lot of clay in it is a difficult medium for grass or any other plant (with the exception of weeds). It must be mixed with organic matter to loosen it up so that air and water can get through.

A lawn should enjoy a minimum of six hours of sunshine per day.

Most grass will tolerate only moderate foot traffic — look to your local schoolyard to see the effect on grass of too many little feet.

Check for pre-existing pests — insects, diseases and weeds. If you are sowing new grass, these must be removed, or they will return to haunt you. In an existing lawn, periodically pulling weeds seems to be a necessary evil. And remember that a couple of dandelions are not a huge problem — you just want to keep them from proliferating all over your lawn.

If the conditions are not ideal, you can try changing your seeds. For example, Kentucky bluegrass likes lots of sunlight, especially morning sun. Fine fescues are shade tolerant and ryegrass has a good tolerance to wear. But, if you have a serious problem area — too much shade, for example, you may have to plant other species, such as a bed of hostas, which do well in the shade.

A well-maintained lawn not only look great, but serves as a buffer for hot temperatures and prevents soil erosion.

When it's dry, mow high — 2.5 to 3 inches, and make sure your mower blades are sharp to avoid damaging grass. (If you've got a small lawn, consider a push mower.) In summer, when growth is not so fast, you can leave clippings on the grass after mowing. Clippings over .5 cm will smother your lawn, so you should rake it.

Watering should be done deeply and infrequently. Use a container on your lawn to measure how much water you've used— water at least 1 inch of water, and do it only when conditions are dry, not on a scheduled basis. Too much water can lead to poor growing conditions and disease. The best watering time is morning.

Any existing lawn will benefit from a thin layer of compost mixed with soil raked over it. In late summer, spreading grass seed (overseeding) with a top-dressing of compost will work wonders. Aerating soil, or poking holes in the lawn to increase space for water and air is beneficial.

Finally, if your lawn is older and has a layer of thatch (dead grass and roots at the base) that is more than a half-inch thick, you must "dethatch" it.

Do this by using a heavy rake to clean out the thatch layer — it can prevent water, air and nutrients from getting to the roots, and it can also provide cover for insects and diseases.

Tammy Schnurr and Jeffrey Fisher are hosts of Arresting Design on W Network.

Laundry room loaded with ways to help environment

While most Canadians know they should be doing something about the environment, 60 per cent still admit that when it comes to shopping decisions, they "stick to regular brands, not the natural ones."

As well, 92 per cent of Canadians agree that: "people talk a lot about doing something for the environment, but not many seem to actually be doing something about it."

Take a look at your laundry room — here are just a few responsible purchases you can make:

» **Purchase a front-load washing machine.** This efficient system cleans your clothes by lifting them to the top of the tub and then dropping them into the water below. Front loading machines can handle 5 to 9 kilos of clothes at a time and yet they fill only partly with water and wash best with low-suds detergent. Front-load washers save water and energy.

» **Switch to a biodegradable laundry detergent:** Angus Reid reports 75 per cent of Canadians are concerned about the effects soaps and laundry detergents have on the environment. Detergents are changing and becoming more environmentally conscious. Among those leading the pack, for example, is the newest line of Purex detergent called Natural Elements. It is biodegradable. The ingredients of this 2X ultra concentrate biodegrade in just 28 days.

» **Install a Dry Vent Switch:** To conserve energy and lower your heating costs, why not direct your electric dryer vent indoors? There are several kits available with high-quality lint traps so you can quickly re-direct the warm air inside. The dryer stays attached to the outdoor vent, but if you like, just flip a switch to indoor. Caution: check your municipal codes for guidelines on this procedure and never vent a gas dryer indoors. NEWS CANADA

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food

Typically paired with strawberries or apples and seasoned with cinnamon, vanilla, ginger, lemon and orange, rhubarb is made into pies, crisps, cobblers, muffins or jams. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Spring's fresh face

Recognized by its large, green elephant ear-like leaves and long stalks, rhubarb is often called the harbinger of spring, as it is the earliest vegetable — along with asparagus — to push its way out of the ground. Depending on region and climate, stalks of fresh, field-grown rhubarb can be found from May through to July. Rhubarb's rather intriguing personality — tart yet easily dominated by other flavours — is why it works in both sweet and savoury dishes. Rhubarb can makes tasty relishes, chutneys and sauces to serve with chicken or pork.

à la carte
BARB HOLLAND

Rhubarb and Strawberry Bread Pudding

If your garden or local market has fresh rhubarb, here is a recipe to try. Bread cubes should be slightly dried out. Lay out in single layer on baking sheet to dry slightly.

INGREDIENTS:

3 cups (750 mL) chopped rhubarb (1/2-inch/1 cm pieces)
1/2 cup (125 mL) strawberry or raspberry jam
3 eggs
2/3 cup (150 mL) sugar
2 cups (500 mL) milk
1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla
5 cups (1.25 mL) cubed day-old French or Italian bread, in ¾-inch (2 cm) cubes
1/4 cup (50 mL) sliced almonds

METHOD: Combine rhubarb and jam (microwave jam a few seconds to liquefy it slightly); set aside.

In large bowl, whisk eggs with sugar; whisk in milk and vanilla. Stir in bread cubes. Stir in rhubarb mixture. Pour into lightly greased 9-inch (23 cm) square baking dish or pan. Sprinkle with almonds.

Place pan in slightly larger pan; pour boiling water into large pan to come two-thirds up side of smaller pan. Bake in preheated 350°F (180°C) oven for 45 to 50 minutes or until puffed and golden on top. Serve warm.

FOOD LAND ONTARIO

Field rhubarb is the most prevalent, but 'forced' or greenhouse rhubarb, shown here, is available in February to early May. This rhubarb is tender, has pink stalks and small yellowish leaves. It generally needs less sugar and cooks to a pretty pink colour.

Rhubarb Tips:

- Selection: Choose firm stalks that are fresh and crisp. If plucking from your backyard, twist off stalks rather than cutting. Pick slender stalks, one stalk should yield about ½ cup (125 mL) chopped and avoid eating the leaves as they contain a potential toxin called oxalic acid.
- Storage: Wrap rhubarb in damp paper towels to keep the stalks moist, and place in a plastic bag in the refrigerator for a few days. For longer storage, rhubarb is a breeze to freeze; just chop it into pieces and place in airtight freezer bags. Thaw completely and drain well before cooking.
- Preparation: Wash rhubarb, then slice or dice according to recipe. One pound (500 g) raw rhubarb yields about 3 cups (750 mL) sliced fruit. If overly mature, it may need to have its fibrous strings removed. Rhubarb browns naturally when cooked, but avoid aluminum or cast-iron pans or it will darken considerably. While quite fibrous, rhubarb is also 95 per cent water, so it cooks down to a sauce-like consistency within 10 minutes of cooking. It tastes sweeter once cooked, so add a minimum of sugar before cooking, then add more to taste after cooking. A squeeze of fresh lemon also brings out its flavour.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

just a bite

Top cereals with roasted rhubarb

BREAKFAST Aside from 'stewing rhubarb', i.e. cooking rhubarb with sugar and a small amount of water in a saucepan or microwave until it becomes a sauce, an interesting way to cook rhubarb is to 'roast' it.

Toss 3 cups (1 L) chopped rhubarb with 1/3 cup (75 mL) brown sugar and place in a shallow parchment-paper lined baking pan. Roast at 350°F (180°C) for 10 minutes or until tender. This intensifies the flavour and preserves the colour — nice to add to your morning yogurt or cereal. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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» **FACTS** Rhubarb is a hardy perennial that grows well in our northern climate as it needs a long dormant period (winter). Variety rather than colour determines sweetness (if you can use that word for it), and generally the more slender the stalk, the more tender. METRO NEWS SERVICES

True Italian country cooking

Anita Stewart's Canada is a cookbook about our country and about homegrown ingredients, used locally and seasonally in home kitchens.

Anita Stewart is an author, food columnist, magazine writer and culinary activist but, most importantly, a tireless and passionate promoter of Canadian food. Anita Stewart's Canada is published by Harper Collins Canada, who've offered Metro a delicious, simple recipe from the book:

Wine-Braised Veal Shanks (Osso Buco)

Perfect in its simplicity, osso buco is true Italian country cooking. I love it with buttermilk-mashed potatoes. The essential flavouring is called gremolata, a mixture that always has lemon, garlic and parsley in it. Some cooks add anchovies, too. It's quickly minced with a mezzaluna, a two-handled rounded knife that's becoming more widely available in Canada.

INGREDIENTS:

6 veal shanks (about 3 lb/1.5 kg)
All-purpose flour, for dredging
2 tbsp (30 mL) canola oil
3 cups (750 mL) dry white wine
1½ tsp (7 mL) salt
1 tbsp (15 mL) tomato paste

GREMOLATA:

1 lemon
½ cup (125 mL) chopped fresh parsley
2 or 3 cloves garlic

METHOD: Dredge the veal shanks in flour, shaking off any excess. Heat the oil in a large heavy skillet over medium-high heat. In batches, brown the veal thoroughly on both sides. Add wine to almost cover the meat. Sprinkle with salt; cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 50 to 60 minutes or until the veal is tender. Stir in the tomato paste and add more wine if the mixture is too dry. Cover and cook gently for 30 to 45 minutes longer.

Gremolata: Remove the rind from the lemon with a vegetable peeler. Using a mezzaluna or sharp knife or in a food processor, mince the peel very finely with the parsley and garlic. About 15 minutes before serving, sprinkle the gremolata over the veal. Cover and heat thoroughly.

Transfer the shanks and the sauce that has formed to a wide serving bowl. Serve with warm crusty bread onto which diners can spread the marrow.

Anita Stewart's Canada is available online at *Amazon.ca*.

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Perfect in its simplicity, osso buco is true Italian country cooking.

entertainment

Actress Sienna Miller, left, has confirmed she will play the role of Maid Marian in a film remake of Robin Hood. BBC NEWS ONLINE

Coldplay disc more 'sexy'

Chris Martin jokes with media ahead of tour launch

Coldplay's new album — Viva La Vida or Death And All his Friends — is now available in stores.

Coldplay front man Chris Martin said this week the British band's new album was more "sexy" than the critically acclaimed X&Y that was released in 2005.

Joking with the press and appearing more relaxed than during sometimes tense exchanges with British journalists in recent days, Martin and his bandmates were in Barcelona to give a free concert ahead of a tour of North America, Japan and Europe.

Martin briefly walked out of a radio interview last week, accusing the host of "twisting" his words.

"I think we are definitely more handsome now than we were three years ago," Martin joked. "I think that's reflected in our music, it's much more sexy."

Viva La Vida or Death And All His Friends is the eagerly anticipated followup to X&Y and stormed to the top of the British album charts. Its biggest commercial test, in the U.S. market, comes this week.

X&Y sold an estimated 10 million copies worldwide, and if Viva La Vida can match that tally, Coldplay's record label EMI will breath a huge sigh of relief.

The label, taken into private hands in 2007, lost Paul McCartney and Radiohead in 2007 and could see the Rolling Stones leave in 2008, according to industry experts.

Martin, married to actress Gwyneth Paltrow, said Coldplay had been surprised at how personal some of the new album was.

> « *I think we are definitely more handsome now than we were three years ago. I think that's reflected in our music, it's much more sexy.* » Chris Martin

"When you finish a big tour two things go through your head: one is may be we need to do the same thing again and again because the most people will like that. "But after about two weeks, you forget that you've ever been popular, and so all the music you write becomes very personal and it's only now when we are releasing it that we realize how personal it is."

Reviews of Viva La Vida have been generally positive, and a free pre-tour concert in London on Monday night was also warmly received.

The band worked with renowned producer Brian Eno on their fourth album, after Eno volunteered to collaborate with them, according to drummer Will Champion.

"We wanted to find someone who had the same effect on us as Brian Eno did on U2 and David Bowie, and Talking Heads, all these incredible bands that we love.

"And so we asked Brian: 'Do you know anyone who could help us in the same way that you did?' And he said 'Well, I could, I wouldn't mind having a go.'" REUTERS

downloading

Kid Rock explains iTunes boycott

MUSIC Kid Rock is refusing to put his albums on iTunes because he says artists do not get paid enough for downloads from the Apple store, BBC News Online reports.

Kid Rock is one of the last few acts not fully signed up to the service.

He said it was based on "an old system, where iTunes takes the money, the record company takes the money, and they don't give it to the artists." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Cyrus to host teen awards

Actress Miley Cyrus will host this summer's Teen Choice awards in the U.S., BBC News Online reports.

Cyrus

The 15-year-old, who shot to fame as the star of Disney's Hannah Montana, has also been nominated for four awards, including best comedy actress.

TV series Gossip Girl leads the way with 14 nominations, whilst singer Chris Brown is up for nine awards.

Teenagers aged between 13-19 can select the winners from an online vote. The show, which takes place in August, is aired by the Fox network.

Justin Timberlake, who has won 21 awards — the most since the ceremony started in 1999 — has landed a further three nominations. Rihanna, Kanye West and Hayden Panettiere are among the other artists with more than one nomination.

Performers for the event are yet to be announced.

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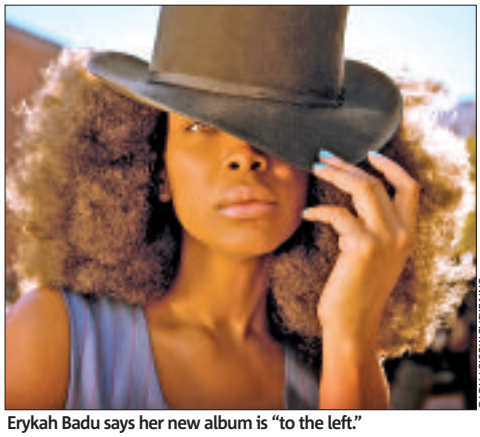
Badu's sonic backdrop

Singer follows up spring hit with summer album

By **TINA CHADHA**
Metro World News



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Erykah Badu says her new album is "to the left."

"I guess you call it to the left," Erykah Badu says of her music, specifically New Amerykah: Pt. 1 (4th World War), her latest album.

It ventures beyond the soul-blues-jazz for which she was initially known into psycho-hip-hop-blaxploitation-dub. Call it a sonic backdrop that matches her lyrics that have always been challenging — think obscure references to the Five Percent Nation or Kemetic Orthodoxy, a traditional Egyptian religion.

Ever since 1997, when she leapt into the public eye with her Grammy-winning blues-soul debut Baduizm, Badu has been considered slightly kooky. There were the towering head wraps, oversized Ankhs, burning incense and concerts turned tea parties. Years later, when a journalist outed her for wearing artificial dreadlocks, she took to wearing enormous Afro and pageboy boy wigs, which she is now known to fling off mid-concert and arrange backwards on her head.

Yes, Badu, whose current stage show involves play with stability balls, tapping out eerie sounds on a Mac and stage diving, has always been, at least publicly, strange. But in an R&B landscape full of copycat vixens, her trippy persona and evolution from neo-soul hippie to funk priestess has made her a beloved icon.

Though her fans have followed her through her shift away from neo-soul into cosmic crooning, people who fell in love with her more frankincense-and-myrrh leanings will be pleased to know that her next album, tentatively called New Amerykah Pt. 2: Return of the Ankh promises old-school Badu.

"This is a very mental record," she says of Pt. 1, which sounds like what might happen if Bjork went hip hop and R&B. "The second one is very emotional. During 1997 through 1999, there was a certain feeling I had; I was studying Kemetics. That's the feeling I have when I listen to the second part. It's a return of that feeling and time, and it reminds me of Baduizm."

A taste of the new album, due later this summer, is out now. Honey, a gooey love song, is called the current album's hidden track, which is only half-true considering it's the only song from Pt. 1 to get released as a single and earn a video.

"That's the sound," she says of Pt. 2 before explaining that the progression between the songs was organic. "When we made it, we hadn't split the songs up. But that's the kind of stuff Erykah does."

Lil Wayne album sells 1 million in first week

GETTY IMAGES PHOTO

Lil Wayne

With Tha Carter III, Lil Wayne becomes the first artist since 50 Cent in 2005 to sell more than 1 million copies of an album in a single week, according to chart reports issued yesterday by Nielsen SoundScan.

In its first week on the market, Tha Carter III (Cash Money/Universal) sold just over one million units. The last album to top that milestone was 50 Cent's The Massacre in March 2005.

No album in 2006 sold as many as 800,000 copies in a single frame, and the largest sales week since The Massacre belonged to Kanye West's Graduation, which netted an opener of 957,000 copies when it hit stores on Sept. 11, 2007.

Lil Wayne first appeared on the Billboard 200 in 1999. His previous biggest sales week was a 238,000-unit start for Tha Carter II in 2005.

REUTERS

Cohen flick set for May 2009

Bruno, Sacha Baron Cohen's followup to Borat, has been scheduled by Universal Pictures for a May 15, 2009, release.

Cohen

Like the title character in the hit Borat, Bruno is based on a skit character — this time an Austrian faux fashionista — from Cohen's former HBO series, Da Ali G Show.

So far, Sony's Tom Hanks-starring mystery drama Angels & Demons, based on the Dan Brown novel, represents the only competition for Bruno in its release slot.

Borat, which 20th Century Fox opened in November 2006, had a better-than-expected bow of $26.5 million and went on to gross $128.5 million domestically.

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Spike Lee, right, will co-write and direct Time Traveler, an adaptation of a memoir by Ronald Mallett, one of the first African-Americans to earn a PhD in theoretical physics, who had a lifelong obsession with inventing a time machine.

EW.COM

McKenzie bros going south?

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GET LOST, EH? I suppose as a Canadian I should be used to this feeling, but there's something both triumphant and sad in the news that Bob and Doug McKenzie are heading to the small screen in cartoon form, with Fox their likely home in the U.S., according to a Canadian Press story.

Talking to CP from Los Angeles, where he was working on scripts for the show, Dave Thomas said that the show was initially green-lit by Global here in Canada, and that Fox expressed interest when they saw how eager the Canadian network was to get the show in production, and asked to see scripts and the pilot.

"We submit the pilot in early August," Thomas said, "and we'll hear after that. But I think they'll go for it — I think they like this show. Just to get them this close is good, and means we can probably get someone else interested if they're not."

According to Thomas, the show takes the iconic character created for SCTV with Rick Moranis and puts them in a new, apparently updated setting. "They are in a world that they weren't in before, and they have some friends who are a little raunchier than they are," he said.

While Thomas is clearly the instigator of the cartoon iteration of the McKenzies, Moranis is far less enthusiastic, as he "doesn't enjoy doing any showbiz stuff anymore ... I can't even guarantee his involvement long term in this, but whatever ... if I have to drag a sound-alike in for his voice, I'll do that. I don't think anyone would care because it's a new product."

I'm not sure I'd agree with that last bit, Dave, but we'll see, won't we?

Thomas is abundantly aware of the irony that a skit created as a joke to placate the grumblings of Canada's culture bureaucrats concerned about Canadian content on the show has turned into a nest egg of sorts, and an ongoing role for the comedians.

"I thought it was a bit of a nightmare back then, when I thought of myself as a young artist, but now that I think of myself as an old hack, I'm glad I have Bob and Doug," Thomas said.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Rick Moranis and Dave Thomas as SCTV's Bob and Doug McKenzie.

country theme

Branch finishing 3rd solo album

RELEASE Michelle Branch is putting the final touches on her third solo album, which she said follows the country theme she started with the band, the Wreckers.

Branch will start performing tracks from the album, her first solo disc since 2003, this summer.

She's hoping to release the record before the end of this year.

casting

Robards pairs up with Zeta-Jones

Robards

FILM Sam Robards is set to star with Catherine Zeta-Jones in The Rebound.

Robards will play ex-husband to Zeta-Jones character, who is shocked to discover his ex-wife is romantically involved with a younger man.

It's set for release in 2009.

REUTERS

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critics'corner

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

Try saying the title of this episode — "The Chick Chop Flick Shop" — three times fast. The CSIs investigate a horror film studio when an actress is killed. The suspects include her boyfriend (Chris Diamantopoulos) and the studio's owners (Matt Gerald, Will Sasso), one of whom is trying to frame the other. Rookie CSI Ronnie Lake (Jessica Lucas) finds herself in a real-life horror scenario when she finds another body at the scene. 9 PM on CFRN

The Office

And here everyone seemed so rational at Dunder Mifflin. Jan (Melora Hardin) sues the company, and poor Michael (Steve Carell) is stuck testifying in "The Deposition." The women take up the macho slack when Pam and Kelly (Jenna Fischer, Mindy Kaling) go at it after Jim (John Krasinski) loses a ping-pong game to Darryl (Craig Robinson). 9 PM on CITV KHQ

Celebrity Buzz

Johnny keeps his promises

New hat for 12-year-old: Johnny Depp is a cat in the hat one 12-year-old will never forget, *People.com* reports. Playing 1930s bank robber John Dillinger — American's Most Wanted at the time — for his upcoming movie Public Enemies, Depp was shooting on location in Wisconsin in April when he was observed on the set by local boy Jack Taylor, who especially admired Depp/Dillinger's hat. In fact, the boy wanted the fedora, and asked the actor if he could have it. Depp, 45, said Taylor could, once the movie was finished. Last week, reports the Oshkosh, Wis., newspaper the Northwestern, Depp made good on his promise. Taylor received the hat. The leading man's rep also included gifts for Taylor's four siblings from Depp's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, as well as a note from the star himself, telling Jack to enjoy what was sent. Now Taylor is at work on a thank-you note. His parents are helping.

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Tyler intimidated by Norton's bod

THE INCREDIBLE HULK: Liv Tyler dreaded shooting romantic scenes with her The Hulk co-star Ed Norton — because she felt the actor's lean physique put her own to shame, *imdb.com* reports. The Fight Club star toned up for his role as Bruce Banner, the scientist who transforms into the raging green monster. And Tyler, who plays Banner's girlfriend Betty, was so intimidated, she didn't want to be filmed standing next to him.

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Rivers gets boot for cursing

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APOLOGY: Joan Rivers was thrown off a live TV show after branding Russell Crowe a "f***ing s**t" yesterday.

The comedienne was a guest on Britain's Loose Women when she lashed out at the Oscar-winning actor. Joan was asked to leave during the commercial break, according to *femalefirst.co.uk*.

Joan later claimed she hadn't realized the program was live and unable to bleep her comments.

"Yes, I swore, and I'm so f**ing sorry. No one told me the TV show 'Loose Women' was a reality show and that I would be voted off," she said.

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baby dream

SECRET SHARED: Paris Hilton has had a secret shared. Her man Benji Madden reportedly flappd his gums on a U.S. radio show, according to Sky News. He popped into Ryan Seacrest's radio show with brother Joel and said about his relationship with Paris: "I'm so beyond happy. Of course, when you're that happy, you think about everything." When asked if he worries about having kids, Benji replied: "Not at all. I mean, she's my best friend."

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Tabloids taught Ivanka Trump

DIVORCE: Ivanka Trump says that as kids, she and her brothers Donald Jr. and Eric learned the tawdry details of their parents' scandalous divorce by reading The New York Post, *Pagesix.com* reports. The gorgeous blonde tells next month's Town & Country they found out Donald was caught carrying on with model Marla Maples from this newspaper. "We'd come home from school having read (about) them on the cover of The Post," she reveals.

The most jolting possibly being: "Marla Boasts to Pals about Donald: BEST SEX I EVER HAD."

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SEX SCENES: Angelina Jolie was reluctant to film sex scenes with James McAvoy in Wanted — because she prefers filming romps with partner Brad Pitt. McAvoy described filming sex scenes with Jolie as "sweaty and uncomfortable." But Jolie is unfazed by the comments; she prefers to film sex scenes with her beau Pitt, "you know, in general."

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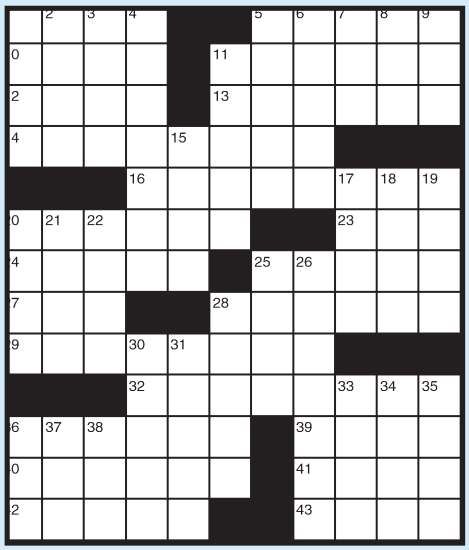

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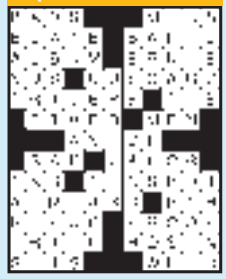

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1) Screen is a storm (director)
2) Know the shaping (physicist)
3) Bar bet, eh? (Hall of Fame baseball player)
4) Unsocial print (American author)
5) Cool Ego Energy (American actor)

Yesterday's Answers

The answers to 6-10

3				4				8
6	2						1	7
			5		7			
	4			6			7	3
		7				4		
8	1			3			9	
			1		3			
9	8						5	1
4				9				2

instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

7	6	5	3	2	8	1	4	9
1	8	3	5	9	4	7	2	6
9	4	2	6	7	1	5	3	8
5	7	1	8	4	3	9	6	2
6	9	4	7	1	2	3	8	5
2	3	8	9	5	6	4	7	1
3	1	6	4	8	5	2	9	7
8	5	7	2	3	9	6	1	4
4	2	9	1	6	7	8	5	3

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ARIES | March 21-April 20
Be tactful with a problem-solving co-worker. A lover is concerned about conduct. Don't provoke a quarrel at home.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
Know when to stop when you're being decadent. Keep an open mind. A parent needs pertinent information.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Have a reliable person edit your work. Pay attention when putting friends into vehicles. Your days of loneliness are over.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
A bossy person interferes when you do a dirty job. Someone's inadequacy can lead to a calamity. Therapeutic action will show results.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
Someone in despair senses manipulation. Obsessing over trivialities raises eyebrows. A helper teaches you more than enough.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Put a new investment strategy into effect. A bad situation causes remarks to flare. A kind woman tries to spare your feelings.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
Sensitivity may cause artistic problems. Take a burden off a tired person's shoulders. A man wants something precious.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22
A sorry fool takes you on a flight of fancy. A friend has an ailment and needs help. Be cautious in word and deed.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21
Plan to get away from a loudmouth. Don't pitch a fit in public. Your creative flair battles with self-criticism.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Say goodbye to a good-for-nothing scoundrel. An admirer's adventure is gossiped about. An unpleasant reality can be dealt with.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
A conscious choice must be made soon. You need to be alone to reflect on your feelings. Don't remind a man of his promise.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
An administrator quibbles about your skills. An associate has a thorny dilemma. You'll learn something interesting.

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This Day IN HISTORY

June 19, 1846: The first baseball game under recognizable modern rules is played in Hoboken, N. J., United States.

June 19, 1910: The first Father's Day is celebrated in Spokane, Wash.

June 19, 1943: Race riots occur in Beaumont, Texas.

June 19, 1953: 1953 - Julius and Ethel Rosenberg are put to death at Sing Sing, in New York.

SOURCE: imdb.com

Edmonton weather

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Afternoon	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Cloudy. 17°	Clear. Low 9°	Sunny. 22°/ 12°	Mainly sunny. 23°/ 13°	Variable. 22°/ 12°

Temperature
Normals
High: 21.1°
Low: 8.7°

Records
High: 34.4°/1898
Low: 0.6°/1924

Sunrise: 5:04 a.m.
Sunset: 10:07 p.m.
Moonset: 5:18 a.m.
Moonrise: 11:29 p.m.

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